

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview of March 27, 2009. At that interview, various amendments to further prosecution were discussed.

Claims 1, 5 and 7-9 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 8 have been amended to delete the metallocene compounds of formulae IIIc and IIId, and to delete substituent R^{18B}. Claim 7 has been amended to correct its form. Entry and consideration of these amendments are earnestly requested as they do not introduce new matter.

Claim Objections

In response to the Objections to claims 1 and 8, summarized in paragraphs 1-3, and 5-7 of the Office Action, Applicant has amended the claims to delete the cited variables. In response to the Objections summarized in paragraphs 4 and 8, appropriate correction has been made. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Objections respectfully is requested.

*Claim Rejections*Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

- A. Response to rejection of claims 1, 5, and 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Epstein et al. and Elder et al. in view of Ivanova et al. and Göres et al.

In response to the rejection of claims 1, 5, and 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,895,771 of Epstein et al. ("Epstein") and European Patent Application EP 573403 of Elder et al. ("Elder"), in view of *Chem. Eur. J.*, 2001 of Ivanova et al. ("Ivanova") and International Publication No. WO 99/50312 of Göres et al. ("Göres"), Applicant has amended the claims to delete the metallocene moieties IIIc and IIId. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references whether taken alone, or in combination, do not teach, suggest, or disclose the currently recited claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Rejection respectfully is requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have questions or comments regarding this application or this Amendment, Applicant's attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss the case with the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge U.S. PTO Deposit Account 08-2336 in the amount of any fee required for consideration of this Amendment.

This is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2008.

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